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The two other publishers—Macmillan and Penguin—have, along with Apple, stated their intention to fight the government's suit.

I support independent bookstores (am writing at the request of Politics and Prose in DC) and the publishers named above, in their challenge against the Department of Justice (DoJ).

While I know that the DoJ most often protects the rights of citizens from harm or potential harm, in this case, I believe the parties know their business better than the Department does.

Amazon undercut book sales for decades, and was key to their inability to compete. People would go TO the sticks and bricks store, look at what they wanted to buy, and then go home and order it from Amazon. Had the stores not existed and displayed the physical product, NO sale would have taken place in many cases.

Let's not continue to destroy the few independent merchants who offer us choice, variety, creativity, and community.

Thanks for our consideration.

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